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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances fairly good, best where features stimulated additional interest at retail centers. Supplies were adequate to at times ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for the at least moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules were noted as normal for the upcoming week.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG** Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for large, 2 cents higher for medium and 1 cent higher for small with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with improvement noted for the first of the month and feature activity. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with mediums in the closest position.

	RANGE	MOSTLY	IA-MN-WI Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	43-45	LARGE 23-30 25
LARGE	39-47	41-44	MEDIUM 13-17 15
MEDIUM	24-30	27-29	SMALL 4-6

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries trending slightly higher on all sizes. The market tone steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Schedules reported as normal. Spent hen supplies generally adequate for the at least moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules noted as normal for the upcoming week.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-58	47-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	25-38	30-32

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Retail demand moderate to good, best where features are upcoming. Food service movement moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offers light for the moderate at best demand. Regular commitments and company owned production meet current needs. Supplies adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46.5-55	48-51
LARGE	44.5-53	46-49
MEDIUM	28.5-37	30-33

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG** Prices unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries trending higher on all sizes. The market tone steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels light to usually moderate, best where features were a factor. Supplies ranged adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Breaking schedules noted as normal. Spent hen offerings generally adequate for the at least moderate to fairly good demand. Processing schedules reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45.5-53	47-50
LARGE	44-51	45-48
MEDIUM	27.5-35	28-32

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand into all channels was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	56-60
LARGE	54-58
MEDIUM	43-47

**CHICAGO AND MIDWEST EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady, instances fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate at best. Offerings were adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-53	47-49
LARGE	44-52	45-48
MEDIUM	31-38	32-34

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**WESTERN EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium throughout the region. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone improved with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings held more confidently. Small benchmark price 45. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 78, 20 pack 177, 3 for \$5, medium 60 pack 199.

**CALIFORNIA** California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	90
EXTRA LARGE	86
LARGE	79
MEDIUM	65

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	70-79
EXTRA LARGE	68-74
LARGE	66-69
MEDIUM	52-55

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	249-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-309
LARGE	199-239
MEDIUM	189-205

**CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Offers light for the moderate at best demand. Most breakers not needing additional nest run product as regular commitments and company owned production meets current needs. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	26-28	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	13-19	13-15
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE, OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were adequate. Breaking schedules were mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Oct-04 were 5% higher than the previous week and 14% more than the same week a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	24-29	25-27
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	12-18	13-16
EASTERN REGION AREA: AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 23-OCT-04**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,355,557	32,095	13,447	7,200	2,479	4,710
PW	1,332,046	30,912	13,550	7,120	2,497	4,549
LY	1,206,006	31,193	10,139	5,575	2,198	4,041
% CHG PW	2	4	-1	1	-1	4
% CHG LY	12	3	33	29	13	17
2004	52,028,165	1,233,182	501,366	270,774	114,529	178,372
2003	49,166,449	1,201,856	446,765	243,030	98,910	176,050
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	11	16	1
			CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			WEEK	WEEK	YEAR	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.38	42.14	42.24	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.91	38.72	38.89	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg, steady to fully steady for whites, and about steady to barely steady for yolk. Demand was good to instances very good for whole egg and whites and slowing for yolk. Most whole egg movement was from previous agreements with very few spot loads of whole egg available. Offerings of whites were quickly absorbed while fully adequate spot loads of yolk moved sluggishly. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the past week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	9	28-31.5	28.72	.32
WHITES	26	29.5-31	30.21	.08
YOLKS	11	47-48.5	47.23	-.77

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Majority prices were irregular on whole, unchanged to slightly higher on sugared yolks, and unchanged on balance of products when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Demand was light to usually moderate with most buyers taking product on an as needed basis. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 23-Oct-2004 were 6% more than the previous week, and 15% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-44	39-42
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR	60-85
WHITES	41-45	43-45
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	55-60	57-59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	53-58	54-56
LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)		
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.\		

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg and white prices ranged unchanged with sugared yolk continuing to range irregular while salted yolk prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady for all frozen products. Offerings were adequate for all products. Demand was reported as fair to good for whole egg and improving with whites and salted yolk demand mostly fair. Sugared yolk demand was rated as seasonally brisk but expected to slow in the coming weeks. Breaking stock prices were unchanged from the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

TRUCKLOTS	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	38-42	38-39
WHITES	43-45	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	56-59	59
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	54-57	55-56

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/23 was 15 percent less than the previous week. Frozen demand continued to improve seasonally with freezer stocks ample.

Wholesale selling prices, f.o.b. shipping point (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	RANGE
WHOLE	44-47
WHITES	49-52
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-66
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	61-64

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG** Mostly prices were lower on yolks, unchanged to lower on albumen and blends, and unchanged on whole when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were closely balanced to available for current needs. Trade sentiment was steady on whole and about steady on the balance of items. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 23-Oct-2004 were 1% less than the previous week, but 13% more than last year. The total year to date dried eggs produced were 16% more than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.51-1.70	MOSTLY 1.55-1.65
YOLKS	1.35-1.50	MOSTLY 1.36-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.85-3.30	MOSTLY 3.10-3.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.40-1.70	MOSTLY 1.45-1.52

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT. 22, 2004-OCT. 28, 2004**

**CURRENT LOADS** 84.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 49.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 133.50

	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	25.33	—	27.60	28.50	—	—	11.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	48.00	40.67	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	40.50	39.86	43.23	37.30	37.33	42.75
GL W LG	—	40.57	26.33	28.00	31.83	35.00	33.75
GL W MD	—	31.00	25.13	26.09	24.80	26.50	21.50
GL W SM	24.50	28.00	23.38	25.50	18.00	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	28.30	28.00	14.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	14.00	1.00

	SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	28.00	—	—	—	40.33	4.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	50.00	—	—	—	—	52.86	3.50
GL W XL	37.00	45.00	—	50.00	—	49.44	15.25
GL W LG	33.00	37.60	—	47.75	—	42.58	24.50
GL W MD	27.00	25.00	—	—	36.00	35.71	7.25
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	30.50	—	—	—	—	35.00	1.00

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

**LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL

WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

**EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged when compared to a week ago. Demand was at least moderate to fairly good with offerings of spent hens generally adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal costs were mostly steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 4-10 7-10

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Sales were light and TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were as desired. Salvage costs were expected to remain constant. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Removal costs ranged unchanged to lower. Demand was good with offerings adequate for current full-time production schedules. Trade sentiment steady. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
REMOVAL COST 0-5

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants worked moderate schedules. Offerings adequate.

**SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL**

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	49.00	47.00	31.00
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	30.00
MIDWEST	44.00	42.50	28.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	49.50	47.50	31.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.81	45.93	30.16

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading was too few to report sales on heavy canners; unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate to at least moderate for light canners; fair to instances fairly good for heavies with most available supplies being used internally. Offerings were well cleared and were adequate to about adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
28-32 MAJORITY 28-29	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
29-34 MAJORITY 30-33	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 23-OCT-04  
(PRELIMINARY)

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	1,462	1,501	2,963
Last Week	1,305	1,522	2,827
Same week yr ago	1,137	1,383	2,520
To-date/2004	57,341	57,025	114,366
To-date/2003	61,438	59,179	120,617

**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
Head	379	20	399
Last Week	82	0	82
Same week yr ago	100	4	104
To-date/2004	10,102	119	10,221
To-date/2003	9,709	137	9,846

**TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	1,841	1,521	3,362
Last Week	1,387	1,522	2,909
Same week yr ago	1,237	1,387	2,624
To-date/2004	67,443	57,144	124,587
To-date/2003	71,147	59,316	130,463

**Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 16, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	547	311	13,565	13,534
Frozen	0	0	11	96
Dried	0	0	588	430
Total	547	311	14,164	14,060

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 16, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Liquid	59	121	7,009	4,621
Frozen	0	91	1,412	2,943
Dried	0	80	1,853	1,063
Total	59	292	10,274	8,627

**Inspected Shell Eggs****U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending October 16, 2004		Year-To-Date		
TYPE	2004	2003 1/	2004 2/	2003
Jumbo	0	17	378	387
Extra Large	1,050	1,790	155,834	24,682
Large	3,029	5,770	315,793	98,786
Medium	1,597	870	103,225	49,212
Ungraded	7,446	6,610	259,608	154,838
Misc	0	0	16,790	13,442
Total	13,122	15,057	851,628	341,347

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers**

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS) Processed other

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	10/25/04	3,835	146,815	63,174
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
CHG		560	-36169	5098
PCT CHG		17%	-20%	9%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 23-Oct-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	26.6	29.9	-11	12
Boston	3.2	3.2	0	-11
Chicago	61.7	60.6	2	25
Detroit	26.9	27.3	-1	2
Kansas City	2.1	2.9	-28	-16
Los Angeles	95.3	86.4	10	1
New Orleans	8.6	8.2	5	34
New York	30.5	31.8	-4	7
St. Louis	17.9	18.4	-3	-3
San Francisco	19.1	19.8	-4	-14
Total	291.9	288.5	1	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.1			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 23-Oct-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.3	4	10
East North Central	544.0	1	-5
West North Central	288.3	4	-1
South Atlantic	221.6	2	1
South Central	65.9	-4	-6
West	178.1	1	-7
Total	1541.2	2	-2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

Oct 19, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS  
DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	92	90	61	45
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	85-89	83-87	54-58	38-42
MOSTLY	87-88	85-86	56-57	40-41
RHODE ISLAND	88-92	86-90	57-61	41-45
MOSTLY	88	86	57	41
VERMONT	95-98	93-95	64-65	-
MOSTLY	95	93	64	-

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